IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF
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APPLICATION NO: HEREWITH
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FOR: MGLUR5 ANTAGONISTS FOR THE TREATMENT OF PAIN AND ANXIETY

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Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fees, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, directly beneath the title; please insert the following paragraph - - This is a continuation of International Application No. PCT/EP 99/07239, filed September 30, 1999, the contents of which are incorporated herein by reference. - -

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 13-18 as follows:

13. (amended) A use according to claim 9, whereby the mGluR antagonist is a specific mGluR5 antagonist.

14. (amended) A use according to claim 9, whereby predominant interaction at peripheral receptors is achieved by using a mGluR antagonist, which does not substantially penetrate the CNS.

15. (amended) A use according to claim 9, whereby predominant interaction at peripheral receptors is achieved by using a mGluR antagonist which does not substantially cross the blood-brain barrier.

16. (amended) A use according to claim 9, whereby predominant interaction at peripheral receptors is achieved by administering the mGluR antagonist in such a way that it does not substantially penetrate the CNS.

17. (amended) A use according to claim 9, whereby predominant interaction at peripheral receptors is achieved by administering the mGluR antagonist transdermally.

18. (amended) A use according to claim 9, whereby the condition to be treated is inflammatory or neuropathic pain.

Please add the following new claims:

- - 19. A composition according to claim 11, whereby the mGluR antagonist is a specific mGluR5 antagonist. - -

- - 20. A method according to claim 12, whereby the mGluR antagonist is a specific mGluR5 antagonist. - -

- - 21. A composition according to claim 11, whereby predominant interaction at peripheral receptors is achieved by using a mGluR antagonist, which does not substantilly penetrate the CNS. - -

- - 22. A method according to claim 12, whereby predominant interaction at peripheral receptors is achieved by using a mGluR antagonist, which does not substantially penetrate the CNS. - -

- - 23. A composition according to claim 11, whereby predominant interaction at peripheral receptors is achieved bvy using a mGluR antagonist which does not substantially cross the blood-brain barrier. - -

- - 24. A method according to claim 12, whereby predominant interaction at peripheral receptors Is achieved by using a mGluR antagonist which does not substantially cross the blood-brain barrier. - -

- - 25. A composition according to claim 11, whereby predominant interaction at peripheral receptors is achieved by administering the mGluR antagonist in such a way that it does not substantially penetrate the CNS. - -

- - 26. A method according to claim 12, whereby predominant interaction at peripheral receptors is achieved by administering the mGluR antagonist in such a way that it does not substantially penetrate the CNS. - -

- - 27. A composition according to claim 11, whereby predominant interaction at peripheral receptors is achieved by administering the mGluR antagonist transdermally.- -

- - 28. A method according to claim 12, whereby predominant interaction at peripheral receptors is achieved by administering the mGluR antagonist transdermally. - -

- - 29. A composition according to claim 11, whereby the condition to be treated is inflammatory or neuropathic pain. - -

- - 30. A method according to claim 12, whereby the condition to be treated is inflammatory or neuropathic pain. - -

REMARKS

By the foregoing amendment to the specification, a cross-reference has been inserted beneath the title on page 1.

Claims 13-18 have been amended to eliminate their multiple dependencies. In this connection, attached hereto is an Appendix which represents a marked-up version of the changes made to Claims 13-18 by the foregoing amendments.

New Claims 19-30 are directed to certain of the subject matter excised from Claims 13-18.

Early and favorable consideration of the claims is respectfully awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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Encl.: Appendix (marked-up version of the changes made)

APPENDIX

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

Claims 13-18 have been amended as follows:

13. (amended) A use~~, composition or method~~ according to ~~anyone of~~ claims ~~9 to 12~~, whereby the mGluR antagonist is a specific mGluR5 antagonist.

14. (amended). A use~~, composition or method~~ according to ~~anyone of~~ claims ~~9 to 12~~, whereby predominant interaction at peripheral receptors is achieved by using a mGluR antagonist, which does not substantially penetrate the CNS.

15. (amended) A use~~, composition or method~~ according to ~~anyone of~~ claims ~~9 to 12~~, whereby predominant interaction at peripheral receptors is achieved by using a mGluR antagonist which does not substantially cross the blood-brain barrier.

16. (amended) A use~~, composition or method~~ according to ~~anyone of~~ claims ~~9 to 12~~, whereby predominant interaction at peripheral receptors is achieved by administering the mGluR antagonist in such a way that it does not substantially penetrate the CNS.

17. (amended) A use~~, composition or method~~ according to ~~anyone of~~ claims ~~9 to 12~~, whereby predominant interaction at peripheral receptors is achieved by administering the mGluR antagonist transdermally.

18. (amended) A use~~, composition or method~~ according to ~~anyone of~~ claims ~~9 to 17~~, whereby the condition to be treated is inflammatory or neuropathic pain.